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Letter dated 13 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As Chairman of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for June, I have the honour to request circulation of the letter transmitted to you by the President of the Republic of Haiti, René Préval, regarding the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH), as a document of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under agenda item 38.

(Signed) Ricardo G. CASTANEDA
Ambassador
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ANNEX

[Original: French]

Letter dated 31 May 1996 from the President of the Republic of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the serious concern of the Haitian Government as the deadline of 30 June 1996, the date on which the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) comes to an end, approaches.

The current context of the social climate in Haiti requires the Government to have at its disposal an adequate public force for the maintenance of order and security. Our newly established National Police is unfortunately not fully in a position to assume that responsibility.

Accordingly, I am writing to request the Security Council to authorize the presence of a multinational force in Haiti for a further six-month period. This extension would have the doubly beneficial effect of supporting the maintenance of public order and strengthening the National Police.

(Signed) René PRÉVAL